

MEMBERS PRESENT

(attending by Webinar)

Ms. Kristine Herman
HFS

Dr. Andrew Beaty
Gubernatorial Appointee

Dr. Kathy Briseno
Legislative Designee

Mr. Matt George
Legislative Designee

Ms. Kimberly Pinckney
DHS/DRS

Ms. Judith Levitan
OAG

Ms. Carie Johnstone
Legislative Designee

Ms. Abbey Storey
Ms. Sherry Bochenek
ISBE

Ms. Alicia Ozier
DCFS

Mr. Neal Takiff
Gubernatorial Appointee

Dr. Cesar Madrigal
Gubernatorial Appointee

Dr. Constance Y. Williams
DHS/DMH

Mr. Mark Smith
DJJ

MEMBERS ABSENT

Ms. Julie Stremmlau
DHS/DFCS

Mr. Merlin Lehman
Gubernatorial Appointee
Ms. Kathy Ward
DHS/DDD

Dr. Seth Harkins
Legislative Designee

Dr. Robert Bloom
Gubernatorial Appointee

STAFF PRESENT

Ms. Nancy Aguirre
Regional Coordinator

Ms. Kristin Gharst
Regional Coordinator

Ms. Juli Kartel
Regional Coordinator

Ms. Lynn Lowder Coffey
Operations Manager

Ms. Mindy Monti
Office Manager
Ms. Leah Guffey
Office Manager

Ms. Debbi Smith
Executive Director

Mr. Robert Watts
Regional Coordinator

LIAISONS PRESENT

None

GUESTS

Ms. Michelle Churchey-Mims
CHBA

Mr. Adam Peterson
OAG – Summer Intern 2021

Mr. John Schornagel
Former CRSA Exec. Director

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:03 am by Vice Chairperson Mr. Matt George. He welcomed Ms. Sherry Bochenek who will serve the ISBE alternate and Ms. Leah Guffey, who will be replacing Mindy Monti as Office Manager.

II. APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 8, 2021 AUTHORITY MINUTES

The Authority reviewed the minutes of the April 8, 2021 meeting with no revisions.

MOTION: *Dr. Constance Williams moved and Cesar Madrigal seconded that the minutes of the April 8, 2021 Authority meeting be approved. The motion carried unanimously.*

III. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The board said goodbye to CRSA Office Manager; Ms. Monti who was with CRSA for over 20 years and welcomed Ms. Guffey, her replacement. Ms. Monti was given a certificate of appreciation for her 21 years of service to the CRSA.

The following agencies now have alternates to the CRSA board:

- ISBE
- DHS/DDD
- DHS/DMH
- DHS/DRS

Mr. Mark Smith, DJJ; was recognized and thanked for the office space DJJ provided to two CRSA Coordinators. CRSA no longer needed the two offices generously provided to us due to the pandemic closures. All regional coordinators are working from home.

CRSA's office staff began an abbreviated schedule and will soon integrate fully back into the main office. The Home-Based Worker policy was updated will require a vote at the full board.

Ms. Smith added to the Unintended Consequences document generated to HFS in February. (Section 139.115 c) asking that when rule 139 goes through revision, that Healthcare and Family Services will add a section that will state a provision similar to what was in rule 135 allowing HFS to contract with other private facilities that meet the state requirements for licensed private facilities; as defined in Section *135.10 when an appropriate placement for a child cannot be obtained from a contracted provider.

Update regarding two statewide committees on which Director Smith serves:

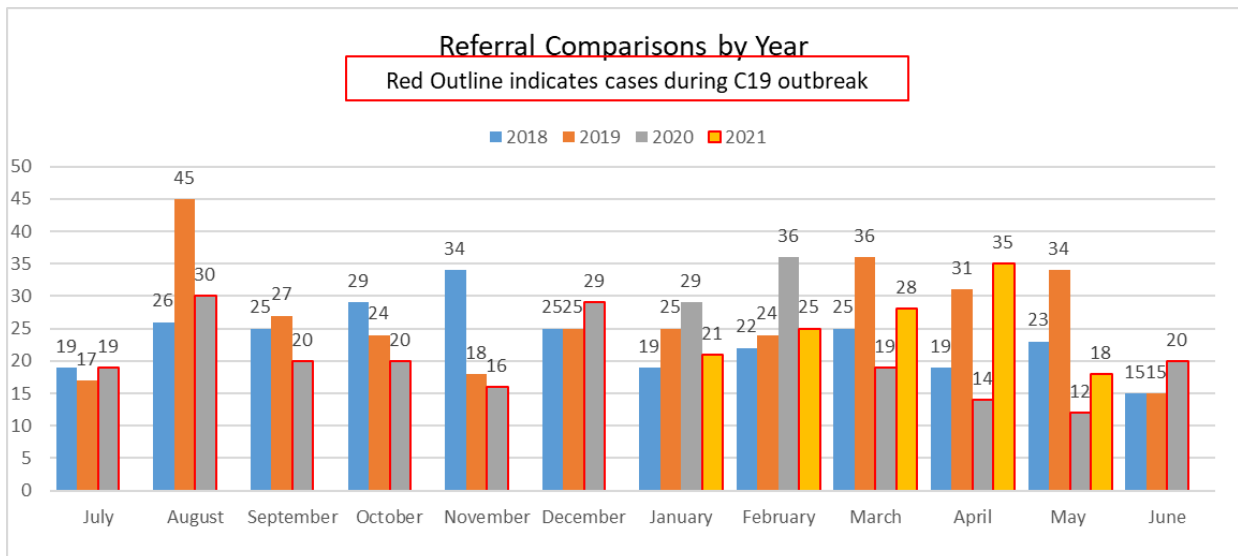
- NB Subcommittee to increase para professional workforce: the sub-committee's report went to HFS for review, the NB advisory committee has not voted on it as they have not had a quorum the last two meetings. Ms. Kristin Herman stated she liked the subcommittee

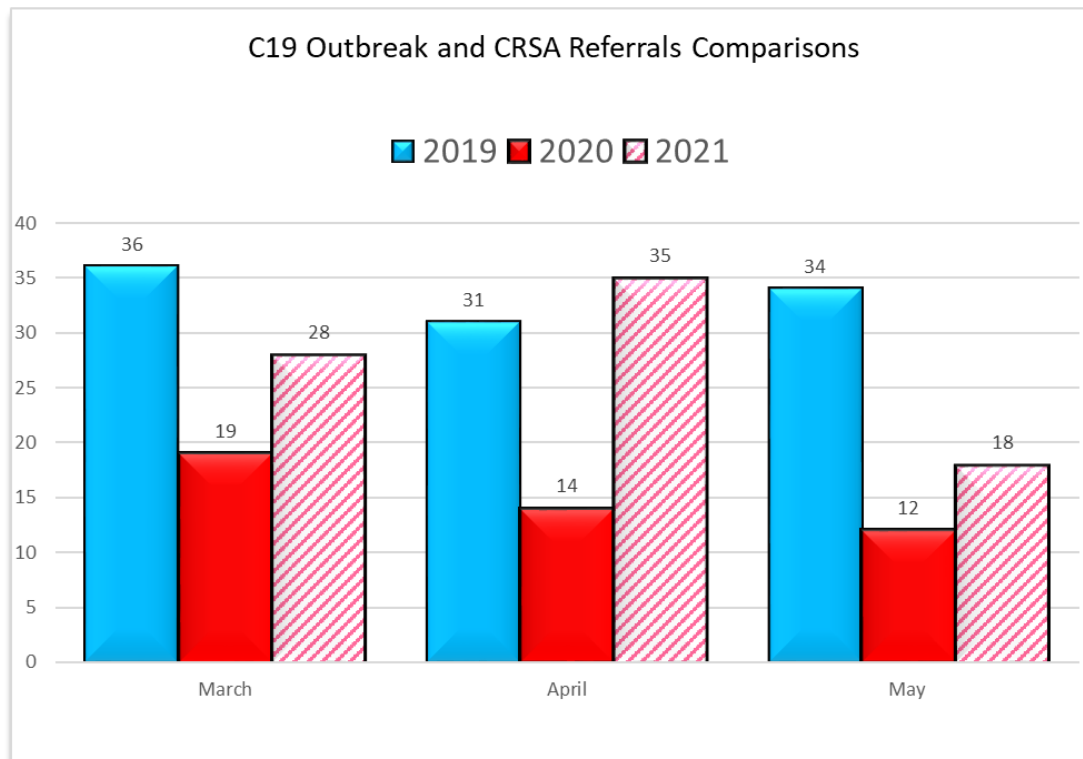
- report and will incorporate the findings into the new mental health initiatives once approved.
- Detained Youth getting access to Psychiatric care. This committee is growing in members. They agreed on the following obstacles:
 - There is a lack of psychiatric bed availability for detained youth.
 - Youth who are deemed in need of psychiatric hospitalization would be best served in a small, no-decline trauma-informed specialty unit. (15 or so beds may meet current need in IL based on available data)
 - They understand that there are many larger system issues at play that also need to be addressed. They will begin with the psychiatric needs of detained youth and continue forward.

CRSA staff have heard from various treatment providers that Illinois is experiencing a lack of resources due to major staffing crisis in group homes, RTCs and community mental health centers.. Nancy Aguirre reported her findings to the full board on the closing or pausing of treatment centers. Board discussion ensued regarding this issue.

Ms. Smith asked for board interest in the subject of interagency agreements. It was suggested that Ms. Smith create a survey monkey document to submit to board members and report back at the August Authority meeting regarding this subject.

Ms. Smith discussed two charts which track CRSA referral trends and the C19 impact:





IV. OFFICE MANAGER REPORT

Ms. Monti, CRSA Office Manager reported that she has been working closely with Ms. Guffey to acclimate her to CRSA office procedures she reported that it is proceeding quite well. Ms. Monti's shared that her last official full day with CRSA is June 30, 2021. She thanked the board for their kind words of thanks.

V. OPERATIONS MANAGER REPORT

Trainings: All staff and most board members have completed the required trainings for calendar year 2021. We have until December 31, 2021 to complete all trainings

Budget Update: CRSA's FY 22 appropriation request was placed in SB 2800 in the amount of \$650,000. It has passed both houses and awaiting the Governor's Signature. This is CRSA's third year at \$650,000. CRSA will lapse funds this fiscal year due to staff and board not traveling. Prepaying CRSA's major ticket items out of these funds to allow us better flexibility in FY 22.

Appointment Update: The CRSA board still has one Gubernatorial Appointee Vacancy. Ms. Lowder asked the committee for recommendations regarding filling that seat.

Outreach: CRSA staff participated in over 120 meetings, conferences and hearings. This includes their attendance in which they were presenters as well. The topics included: CRSA services, special education, mental health issues, policy changes, telehealth, trauma response, development disabilities issues, transition services, lockout solutions, ABA therapy legislative hearings, to name a few.

Legislation: CRSA's Legislative Liaison, Ms. Lowder, followed 151 Bills this legislative session: 93 house bills, 54 senate bills and 4 resolutions. Out of those, 34 house bills, 15 senate bills and 1 resolution passed both houses and are awaiting the governor's signature. Ms. Lowder highlighted the following:

HB 212: SCHCD-MENTAL HEALTH TASK FORCE

Amends the School Code to create the Mental Health Task Force for Communication, Intelligence, Empathy, Emotion, and Empowerment. Provides that the purpose of the task force is to explore and determine a method and program for all students in primary and secondary school to receive mandated mental health care. Sets forth the membership of the task force. Contains provisions concerning the intent of the program, the goals of mandated health care, and task force meetings, duties, and reporting. Repeals these provisions on January 1, 2023. Effective immediately.

HB 290: SCH CD-SPECIAL ED RESOURCES

Amends the Children with Disabilities Article of the School Code. Requires a school district to provide notification to the parent or guardian of a student with an individualized education program (IEP) that the student may be eligible to receive additional specified services, benefits, or resources. Provides that the written notification must be provided no later than 30 days following the implementation of the initial IEP and once a year thereafter. Effective immediately.

HB 576: SCH CD-ABSENCE-MENTAL HEALTH

Amends the Compulsory Attendance Article of the School Code. With respect to the exceptions to the compulsory attendance requirement, provides that absence for cause by illness shall include the mental or behavioral health of a student.

HB 577: SCH CD-PREVENT YOUTH SUICIDE

Amends the School Code. Makes changes to provisions regarding youth suicide awareness and prevention. Sets forth some of the characteristics of students at an increased risk of suicide. Effective immediately.

HB 597: SCH CD-STUDENT ID INFO-SUICIDE

Amends the School Code. Requires school districts to provide contact information for the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline and for the Crisis Text Line on the back of each student identification card issued by the school district. Provides that if the school district does not issue student identification cards to its students or to all of its students, the school district must publish this information on its website. Effective July 1, 2021.

HB 219: SCH CD-TIME OUT-RESTRAINT

Amends the School Code. Makes changes concerning the adoption of rules by the State Board of Education governing time out and physical restraint in the public schools. Subject to appropriation, requires the State Board to create a grant program for school districts and special education cooperatives and charter schools to implement school-wide, culturally sensitive, and trauma-informed practices, positive behavioral interventions and supports, and restorative practices. Allows the State Board to contract with a third party to provide assistance with oversight and monitoring, and requires the State Board to establish reduction goals and a system of ongoing review, auditing, and monitoring. Makes changes in provisions concerning a school board's use of time out and physical restraint, including providing that isolated time out, time out, and physical restraint may be used only under certain circumstances, prohibiting the deprivation of necessities and prone, mechanical, and chemical restraint, and requiring a meeting with school personnel if requested by the parent or guardian, the provision of information to parents and guardians, and written procedures. Effective immediately. [Additions: House Floor Amendment No. 2, Senate Floor Amendment No. 2](#)

HB 158: HEALTH CARE & HUMAN SERVICES

Creates the Community Health Worker Certification and Reimbursement Act. Amends various Acts regarding medical staff credentials; electronic posters and signs; N95 masks; Legionella bacteria testing; continuing education on implicit bias awareness; overdoses; the Prescription Monitoring Program; a dementia training program; taxation of blood sugar testing materials; funding of safety-net hospitals; a Child Care Assistance Program Eligibility Calculator; managed care organizations; Federally Qualified Health Centers; care coordination; billing; the Medicaid Business Opportunity Commission; reimbursement rates; doula services; personal care of family members; the State Health Assessment; the State Health Improvement Plan; child care training; and a Medicaid Managed Care Oversight Commission. Creates the Behavioral Health Workforce Education Center of Illinois Act. Creates the Underlying Causes of Crime and Violence Study Act. Creates the Special Commission on Gynecologic Cancer Act. Creates the Racial Impact Note Act to require the estimate of the impact on racial and ethnic minorities of certain bills. Creates the Health and Human Services Task Force and Study Act to review health and human service departments and programs. Creates the Anti-Racism Commission Act concerning elimination of systemic racism. Creates the Sickle Cell Prevention, Care, and Treatment Program Act regarding programs and other matters. Amends the Illinois Health Facilities Planning Act in relation to the Health Facilities and Services Review Board, facility closure, and other matters. Creates the Medicaid Technical Assistance Act. Repeals, adds, and changes other provisions. Effective immediately. [Additions: House Committee Amendment No. 1, House Floor Amendment No. 3](#)

VI. CHANGING LIVES

CRSA regional coordinator Ms. Juli Kartel reported on a resource barrier and CRSA's successful coordination of service delivery to a CRSA involved youth.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

A. Remote Office/Work From Home Policy – Second Reading

MOTION: *Dr. Andrew Beaty moved and Mr. Neal Takiff seconded that CRSA Remote Office/Work From Home Policy be approved with the suggested modification to align with ISBE's policies. The motion carried unanimously.*

B. Draft Legislation Amendment – HB 307

Mr. Neal Takiff; Gubernatorial appointee, spoke of CRSA's draft legislation which was an amendment to the CRSA legislation. The Amendment would have allowed CRSA to assist in the establishment of single case agreements for at-risk youth who have state funding for residential care but no approved placements to accept them. It endeavored to establish a single case agreement process for state agencies to use when no preferred providers were forthcoming. This amendment was reviewed by an interested Senator for submission and was changed then placed in HB 307 which did not pass.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. **Election of Officers:** The Nominating Committee presented the following slate of Officers: Mr. Matt George as Chairperson, Mr. Neal Takiff as Vice Chairperson and Ms. Alicia Ozier as Secretary.

MOTION: *Dr. Kathleen Briseno moved and Dr. Cesar Madrigal seconded that CRSA Slate of Officers be approved. The motion carried unanimously.*

B. **Executive Committee Caucus:** Members for the Executive Committee are made up with one gubernatorial representative and an alternate, one legislative representative and an alternate and two state agency representatives and an alternate. After each group deliberated, the following slate was presented: Ms. Carie Johnstone as the legislative representative and Dr. Kathy Briseno as alternate, Dr. Cesar Madrigal as the gubernatorial representative and Dr. Andrew Beaty as alternate and Ms. Kristin Herman and Ms. Abbey Storey as the state agencies representatives and we will revisit in August to select an alternate.

MOTION: Mr. Neal Takiff moved and Ms. Carie Johnstone seconded that CRSA Executive Committee Officers be approved. The motion carried unanimously. CRSA will need to readdress this issue at the August meeting to appoint a state agency alternative

C. **New Policies:** The following four policies were submitted for board review which will require a vote at the August board Meeting.

- Bereavement Leave
- Personal Days
- Sick Time
- Work Schedule

IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. **Executive Committee:** Mr. George shared that issues discussed were housekeeping for the full authority meeting and all items have been addressed in the full authority meeting.

X. AGENCY REPORTS

Office of Attorney General: Ms. Judith Levitan reported The Office of the Attorney General was actively monitoring and reviewing bills throughout the recently concluded legislative session to determine which bills may have a direct impact on its work or its constituents. When the Disability Rights Bureau was asked to review SA1 to HB 307, which amends CRSA's implementing statute, Debbi and Lynn were very helpful in providing Judith with background and insight into the bill which she communicated to her office's legislative team. Judith also informed the group that the Office of the Attorney General 's computer network had been compromised by a ransomware attack, so she has not received any emails sent to her atg.gov.il.us email address after April 10, 2021. She informed the group that she could be contacted through her temporary email address provided by the Governor's office: Judith.Levitan@illinois.gov

Illinois State Board of Education: Ms. Abbey Storey reported On May 19, 2021, the Illinois State Board of Education unanimously adopted a [Resolution Supporting In-Person Learning](#) that supports the Illinois State Superintendent of Education Dr. Carmen I. Ayala in making the following declaration after the conclusion of the current academic school year, subject to favorable public health conditions at that time: Beginning with the 2021-22 school year, all schools must resume fully in-person learning for all student attendance days, provided that, pursuant to [105 ILCS 5/10-30](#) and [105 ILCS 5/34-18.66](#), remote instruction be made available for students who are not eligible for a COVID-19 vaccine and are under a quarantine order by a local public health department or the Illinois Department of Public Health.

Additional guidance and support pertaining to this resolution for the 2021-22 school year is provided in a questions and answers document, available at <https://www.isbe.net/Documents/Resolution-QA.pdf>.

Submission to ISBE of any questions or concerns regarding this resolution are requested to be sent to the established inbox of COVID19@isbe.net

Rules: 23 Illinois Administrative Code (IAC) Part 401 and 23 IAC Part 405 regulations have been filed with the Office of the Secretary of State and are awaiting publication, which will initiate the public comment period.

Project Updates: The Spanish version of the revised Educational Rights and Responsibilities:

Understanding Special Education in Illinois Parent Guide is now available at <https://www.isbe.net/Documents/Parent-Guide-Special-Ed-Aug20-Spanish.pdf>. Individual

access to each chapter of both the English and Spanish versions are accessible at <https://www.isbe.net/Pages/Special-Education-Parents-of-Students-with-Disabilities.aspx>.

The Illinois Student Records Keeper: For Parents of Students Who Receive Special Education Services booklet companion to the Parent Guide is available as a fillable PDF at https://www.isbe.net/Documents/student_records_keeper.pdf.

In process: Upgrades and revisions to the Private Facility Search tool

DHS, Division of Mental Health: Dr. Constance Williams reported the Division of Mental Health is ending the 2021 fiscal year thoroughly immersed in reviewing the proposals for the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO's) for programs which will be funded for FY22. We are also planning for the implementation of the 988 number. This new 988 dialing code will be for the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline and is supported by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. (SAMHSA). It will be used nationally beginning in July 2022.

Department of Juvenile Justice: Mr. Mark Smith reported Administrative and executive staff from DJJ recently toured the site of the new Lincoln Illinois Youth Center on the grounds of the Lincoln Development Center in Lincoln, Illinois. The two cottages that will be utilized will need to have some build out work done to them but they will provide the youth a smaller and more therapeutic environment similar to a residential facility. This will be beneficial for youth that come into the custody of DJJ from central Illinois. They will have better access to their families, support systems including community vendors that they will be working with upon release. The Youth Center's that will be repurposed for Illinois Department of Corrections is still an ongoing discussion. The Illinois Youth Center at Warrenville recently was granted the national PBIS award. Warrenville was one of 140 juvenile facilities nationwide that was in the running for this award.

DHS, Division of Rehabilitation Services: Ms. Michelle Scott-Terven alternate, Kimberly Pinckney, reported they are making headed way into returning to the office after the pandemic.

XI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

XII. COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: *Cesar Madrigal moved and Carie Johnstone seconded that the Authority meeting be adjourned at 11:20 am. The motion carried unanimously.*